

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-15 are currently pending in the instant application.

I. *Response to Arguments*

Applicants' amendment, filed on February 27, 2008, has overcome the rejection of claims 1-15 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as lacking antecedent basis. The rejection has been withdrawn.

II. *Rejection(s)*

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 6, 7, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 6 recites the limitation "the addition is performed during a period ranging from 1 to 3 hours" which is dependent on claim 1 but there is an addition in step (i) and in step (ii). It is unclear what step this limitation is referring to. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claim 7 recites the limitation "the temperature employed during the addition is maintained at -5 to +5 degrees C" which is dependent on claim 1 but there is an addition in step (i) and in step (ii). It is unclear what step this limitation is referring to. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claim 8 recites the limitation "wherein

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the aging of the reaction mixture" which is dependent on claim 1 but there is reference to aging in step (iii) and in step (iv). It is unclear what step this limitation is referring to. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claim 9 recites the limitation "the wherein in step (iii) the heating is performed at a temperature in the range of 80 to 90 degrees C" which is dependent on claim 1 but there is no reference to heating in step (iii) of claim 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claim 15 recites the limitation "wherein the distilling of the organic solvent" which is dependent on claim 1 but there is no reference to an organic solvent in claim 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

III. *Objections*

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 3 are objected to because of the following informalities: for the misspelled term "ageing" which should be "aging" and the term "alkali/alkaline earth metal" should read "alkali or alkaline earth metal".

Specification

Applicant is reminded of the proper content of an Abstract of the Disclosure.

In chemical patent abstracts for compounds or compositions, the general nature of the compound or composition should be given as well as its use, e.g., "The compounds are of the class of alkyl benzene sulfonyl ureas, useful as oral anti-diabetics." Exemplification of a species could be illustrative of members of the class. **For processes, the type reaction, reagents and process conditions should be stated, generally illustrated by a single example unless variations are necessary.**

Complete revision of the content of the abstract is required on a separate sheet.

Dependent Claim Objections

Dependent Claims 2, 4, 5 and 10-14 are also objected to as being dependent upon an objected based claim. Appropriate correction is required.

IV. Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawquia Young whose telephone number is 571-272-9043. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM-3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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